



SUMMER 2021

# EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

The footings and piers for the walkway are in. We expect the building of the walkway to begin in the next two weeks. The interior of the library is 90% finished. All the children's books, all the large print books and all the adult fiction are back on the shelves.

The new deck furniture was purchased through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the New Hampshire State Library (NHSL). Exeter Public Library's ARPA project is intended to be ready for summer events and for patrons who prefer being outside rather than inside.

Get ready for Summer and Summer Reading programs for all ages.

This year's Teen Summer Reading program, "Grow at the Library" is all about nature and begins July 6. Programs include planting flowers and herbs for the new Teen Scene windowsill garden, making bird feeders from recycled materials, music trivia, and a finale grand prize drawing. Teens can sign up to receive a free book, along with an activity packet featuring a scavenger hunt, stargazing charts, trivia, and a self-guided nature art & photography challenge. Teens are invited to come into the building and contribute to a "heat map" project in the Teen Scene, using art and coloring to track high temperatures in Exeter throughout the summer.

Adult Summer Reading is "Books You've Been Meaning to Read". Throughout June, we will ask patrons for suggestions, in the library, using the online form or by email, to be on the reading list of the top books suggested. The list and prizes will be available from July 6 to August 14. Patrons can also vote for their favorite titles on the list, online and in person. Also, the Adult Summer Reading Program will include the ever-popular Staff Picks display.

We are planning two live musical performances this summer, one in July and one in August. During June in the Children's Room we are having visits from Main Street School.

Beginning July 6 children ages 3 and up are invited to participate in this 4-week summer reading program Tails and Tales. Children set their own weekly reading goals and receive a prize for reaching it. Once again, we are offering Bowling, Burgers books will be held at Exeter Bowling Alley hosted by Rob Ficara. Barbara is back doing ceramics with children ages 5 and up. We will be visiting Exeter Rec Day camp every week to bring summer reading gently used books to the campers.

Beginning the week of July 12 we will have story time for ages 3 and up on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10 AM.

"Book Blast" is our summer reading program available to children in 4th and 5th grade. A book will be given and read by participants during this 4-week program. The book will be highlighted with weekly interactive activities! This program is designed for participants to have a blast with books! Sign up begins July 6!

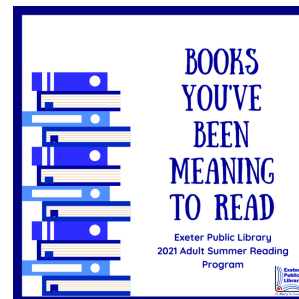


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# SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

## ADULTS

Adult Summer Reading is coming back this summer with a twist! Throughout June, share the "Books You've Been Meaning to Read" at the library, online, or by emailing [exeterpl.ref@gmail.com](mailto:exeterpl.ref@gmail.com). Starting on July 6, your recommendations could be featured in the 2021 Adult Summer Reading Program list. Read the list to earn prizes and knock out that "To Be Read" list. Join in the fun all summer long for games, prizes, programs and more with the Adult Summer Reading Program



### Staff Picks Display

Once again our Adult Summer Reading Program will include the ever-popular Staff Picks display in Adult Services. Our favorite books will be on the display with identifying bookmarks in them just waiting to be checked out! New to the program this year, any time a patron checks out a book from the display, they may choose a sweet treat for themselves at the Information Desk!

The start date this year is July 6 and it will run until August 17.

Also back this year we will have our Weekly Drawing for patrons and staff, with a chance to win some fun prizes!

For the patron drawing, all they need to do is fill out a slip with name and contact info, then drop it into the jar provided every time they check out. You could be a winner!



## CHILDREN

Summer Reading is on the way! Our theme this year is Tails & Tales: The Tortoise and the Guinea Pig.

There are two programs available. Children ages 3 & up can choose a weekly reading goal to record on their reading log. Every week they complete their goal they will receive a fun prize! Alternatively, children in 4th and 5th grade can participate in Book Blast. They will receive a book and complete fun activities both at-home and in-person.

Sign-ups for both programs begin Tuesday, July 6.

We can't wait to see everyone here at the Library!





# Teen Summer Reading Program 2021



**Begins July 6!** Take home a book to keep along with a packet of activities! Earn weekly prizes and grand prize tickets every time you check out books during the summer, and stop by the library for fun events!

**Free and open to all teens going into 6th – 11th grade.**



Pick up a **summer reading brochure** at the library. Take-home bags are available beginning July 6.



## Enter to Win Prizes!

Water Street Books Gift Card

Lexie's Gift Card

Yellow Hydroflask, 21 oz

Mystery Squishmallow

## Grab-And-Go Summer Reading Packets

Beginning Tuesday, July 6, rising 6th-12th graders can pick up a bag containing the following:

- A free book to keep!
- Book polls
- Stargazing & constellation map
- Mindfulness scavenger hunt
- Nature Photography/Art Challenge

## In-Person Events

**Thursday, July 8, 3-4 PM**

Plant flowers in the Teen Scene! The "windowsill garden" will remain throughout the program. Watch your plants grow!

**Thursday, July 22, 3-4 PM**

K-Cup Bird Feeders!  
Create and take home a DIY birdfeeder from recycled materials.

**Thursday, August 5, 3-4 PM**

Music Trivia (with prizes!)  
Are you faster than Shazam? Can you "name that song" before your friends? Try your hand at music trivia in the Teen Scene!

**Thursday, August 12, 3-4 PM**

Summer Reading Finale!  
Photography & Art Challenge entries displayed, temporary nature tattoos, and grand prize drawings!





## SUMMER CONCERTS RETURN TO THE LIBRARY

### Poco Amare

**Tuesday, July 20 6:30 PM**

Poco Amare, a sub-group of Seacoast chamber chorus Amare Cantare, will present a program of unaccompanied choral music. The performance includes selections ranging from Renaissance madrigals to Romantic part songs to works by living composers. Come enjoy the beautiful music of these talented singers!



### Howie Newman

**Tuesday, August 17 3 PM**

Acoustic singer Howie Newman returns as the finale of the 2021 Summer Reading Program. Newman will play a variety of funny original songs and covers of old classics. All ages are welcomed to join in this fun, interactive show.





## DID YOU KNOW..

### The Library has **"A Library of Things"**

A Library of Things is a growing collection of items that will be available to borrow for an experience you may not have had the opportunity to enjoy before. Currently the library has items that are not books that can be loaned out for 8 days.

*Adventure Backpacks* for hiking trips will provide an opportunity to experience and enjoy nature. This backpack comes with a compass, magnifying glass, binoculars and guide books! You may see things you never saw before and learn what is right there around you. Enjoy the journey!



A *Telescope* will help you to see the constellations and to enjoy a scientific adventure. A headlamp is provided to assist in the darkness and guide books to enhance your education and give you the ability to reach for the stars!

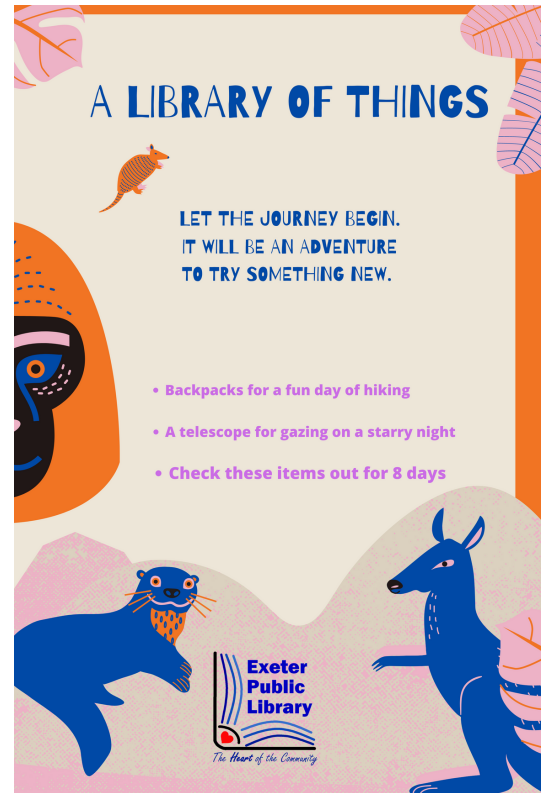


Keep visiting the library to see what may be available.

### The Library participates in a **"Reusable Bag Program"**

Support the Library

The library has been selected as the July beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program. When you buy a blue reusable Community Bag from the Hannaford located at 141 Portsmouth Ave., Exeter NH, \$1 will be donated to the Exeter Public Library. Bags can be purchased inside or through Hannaford-To-Go. Restock your reusable bag supply and help raise money for the library!



## SUMMER READS

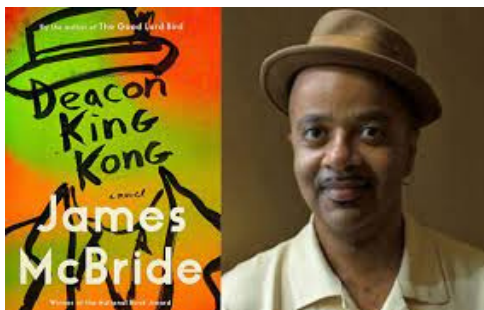
Kick back and enjoy a good book or two this summer.  
The staff has recommended a few hot ones!

### ADULTS

#### Deacon King Kong

By James McBride

In this sociological portrait of the late 1960s, Cuffy Jasper Lambkin, AKA Sportcoat, is the hard-drinking deacon of the Five Ends Baptist Church in his Brooklyn neighborhood. He is a living myth at the Cause Houses Projects and his life has been in a downward spiral since he lost his wife. On a particularly bad day, he saunters into the Projects courtyard and commits a crime witnessed by sixteen people, the consequences rippling throughout this diverse community. Full of heart, humor and compassion, this is a narrative about flawed people whose stories are unique, their struggles universal.



#### The Mystery of Mrs. Christie

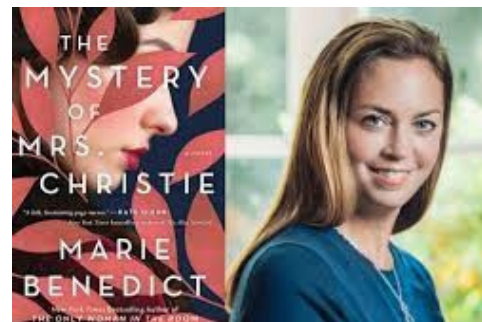
by Marie Benedict

In December of 1926, up-and-coming mystery writer Agatha Christie suddenly went missing for eleven days.

Her husband Archie and daughter Rosalind have no idea of her whereabouts and England unleashes an unprecedented hunt for the missing author. They locate her car on the edge of a lake and everyone fears the worst.

The book is narrated by both Archie and Agatha ... Archie's account focuses on the investigation and Agatha recounts their relationship. Because Archie is reluctant to cooperate with the police, he soon becomes a prime suspect. What role may he have played? Did he have a motive? Why did he burn a letter Agatha wrote to him prior to her disappearance? We also learn that her career was beginning to flourish after WWI, as he experienced major setbacks.

Author Marie Benedict concocts a worthy mystery of her own with the twists and turns of a Christie whodunit, and the puzzle of Agatha's whereabouts for those eleven days has persisted to this day.

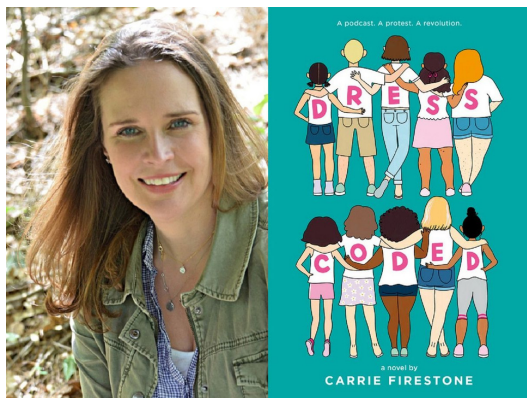


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### TEENS

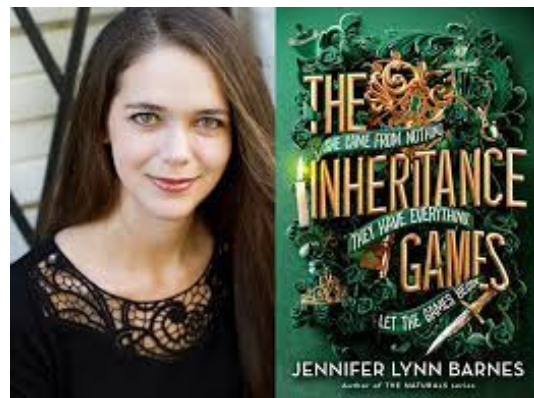
#### **Dress Coded** by Carrie Firestone

Molly Frost is taking a stand. Dress-Coding by teachers and administrators at her middle school has gotten out of hand, and it disproportionately targets teen girls - especially ones with fuller figures. When the entire 8th grade class camping trip is canceled just because Molly's friend Olivia wears a tank top, she and her friends decide that it's the last straw, and begin to organize and push back. From starting a podcast where girls can share their stories, to eventually staging a multi-day sit-in to get the attention of the school board, Molly and her friends are not giving up any time soon. Dress coded is a story of body autonomy, feminism, and finding your voice, that also dives deep into other universal middle school experiences. With multiple diverse, realistically-written voices, this Isinglass Award 2022 shortlist book is a great pick for young people striving for change.



#### **The Inheritance Games** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Yesterday, Avery was sleeping in her car. Today, she is inheriting a multi-billion dollar fortune from a complete stranger. Understandably, Tobias Hawthorne's remaining family - especially his teenage grandsons - are not happy with this development. Why would their grandfather leave his inheritance to a complete stranger? To make things worse, in order to receive even a cent of the money, Mr. Hawthorne's will stipulates that Avery must live in his mansion with his suspicious family for an entire year. But when she arrives at Hawthorne mansion, Avery is thrown into a dangerous game of pursuit, following clues left by Mr. Hawthorne to unearth the details of a crime committed years ago, and the events surrounding his own death. Soon, Avery realizes that she might be more involved with this family than anyone originally thought. Perfect for fans of Truly Devious, this Isinglass Award 2022 shortlist book will keep you on the edge of your seat.



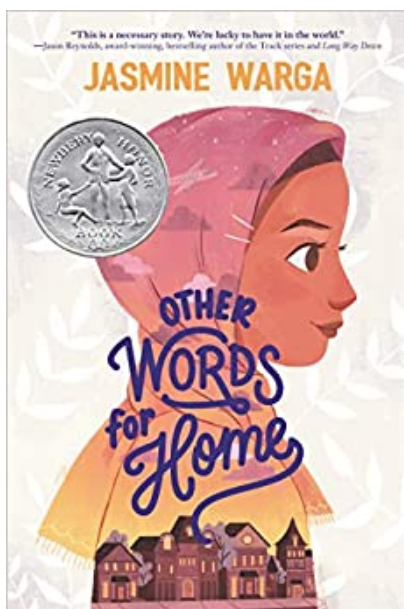


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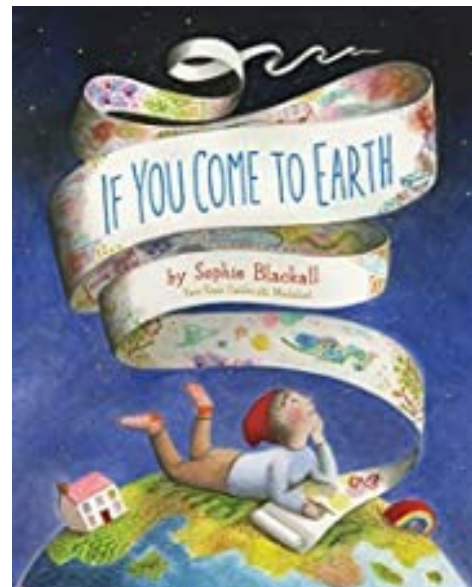
***Other Words for Home*, by Jasmine Warga**  
Ages 8-12

A beautiful novel written in verse, *Other Words for Home* tells the story of a young girl named Jude as she adjusts to life in the United States. Having recently fled her native Syria along with her mother, Jude finds her new surroundings different from the American movies she loves to watch. The first-person perspective grants readers a close look at Jude's emotions as she deals with the turmoil of complicated family relationships, a new language, Islamophobia, and worrying for her brother Issa who remained in Syria to join the resistance. Warga states her purpose in her author's note: to show that "children who are fleeing from a warzone want the same things all of us do – love, understanding, safety, a chance at happiness." *Other Words for Home* succeeds in that purpose.



***If You Come to Earth*, by Sophia Blackall**  
Ages 0-100

Written as a letter to an alien preparing to visit planet Earth by a young boy named Quinn, *If You Come to Earth* describes all the things that make our world special. Highlighting the diversity of both our human and animal life, the book concludes with the message that we all share the same home, the same planet. Beautiful illustrations crafted with Chinese ink and watercolors help to make the point. The book ends with an invitation from Quinn: "If you come to Earth, you can stay in my room. Love, Quinn."



## SUMMER MOVIE REVIEWS

### Crazy Rich Asians (2018)

Based on Kevin Kwan's best-selling novel, **Crazy Rich Asians** follows Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) as she travels to Singapore with her handsome boyfriend Nick (Henry Golding). She has no idea of his deep, dark secret. Turns out, he is one of Asia's richest men and most eligible bachelors, and his old-money family is less than pleased with his "ABC" (American-Born Chinese) love interest. Will love prevail? This is a well-acted, beautifully lush movie with a wealth of great food, quirky characters, and luxurious shots of Singapore. You'll want to buy plane tickets after seeing this jewel!



### Big Fish (2003)

Edward Bloom (Albert Finney) has always been a storyteller, full of exaggerated and fantastical tales. His stories are so removed from reality that they have caused a strain between him and his son, journalist William. Now Edward is dying, and William begins to investigate his father's tales in a bid to understand him. Directed by Tim Burton, **Big Fish** is a delightful film full of romance, reconciliation, and an even bigger heart. Reel this one in today!





## PHOTO GALLERY

Here are some recent pictures of the renovation:

